screamed. "Do they believe that their dollars will change the course of the revolution and give the despots a new lease on life? Comrades, will you let these vultures make money by ganging up with the enemies of the Russian people?"

"Never, never!" roared the audience.

I sat with my guests, helping Mr. Thompson translate the speech and the outcries of the crowd. The guests were alarmed.

"We should not have come here," said one of them.

I tried to comfort them. "You are in no danger. Nobody knows who you are. I apologize for the abusive language of Mr. Krylenko."

"The revolution will triumph over its enemies," Krylenko continued. "The foreign capitalistic sharks will come to us with their claims, showing the note signed—in blood—by the Tsar. What answer will you give them, comrades?"

Blasting replies came from the audience. At last, one of the guests said, "We have heard enough. Please help us get away from here before it is too late."

Mr. Thompson asked me, "Could you take us to the exit? Or would it be better to wait till the meeting ends?"

"Your friends are my personal guests," I replied, "and they may leave whenever they wish."

Once more I took them in tow and ushered them through the crowd to the exit. I went with them to the quay of the Neva. Mr. Thompson was pleased; he thought the meeting very interesting. His friends were almost speechless and kept saying, "Dreadful, dreadful!"

From outside, the venerable red building of the University looked terrifying. Its ground floor was dark, but all the windows on the second and third floors seemed ablaze. Agitated shadows moved across the windows, many open despite the cold autumn night. Clouds of steam shooting up from them looked like tongues of flame, and the whole building seemed to tremble.

"So this is what is going on here," said one of the visitors.

"It is the same in all the colleges," I replied.

"Dreadful," said the blond young man again. "One can't keep far enough away from this mess. We are deeply obliged to you."

We shook hands and I returned to the University.

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The authorities in the capital did not interfere with revolutionary meetings. Some provincial officials, however, tried to counteract revolutionary propaganda by pogroms. In some cities, meetings and